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Executive Summary

Business Advisory Center

In this quarter the Business Advisory Center (BAC) worked on four major programs: REAL Entrepreneurship, Microfinance, the Tsunami Recovery Action Initiative, and SME business consulting activities.

The REAL (Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning) program implements rural entrepreneurship development with community colleges throughout Thailand. In May, the REAL team trained 23 business owners in Ranong province. In June, the team provided entrepreneurship training to 28 tsunami-affected people from Krabi.

The Microfinance team continued to coordinate efforts with the REAL Entrepreneurship Training team in the tsunami-affected areas. The Microfinance team has been working with tsunami victims to develop small lending programs to help restore livelihoods in Krabi, Phang Nga and Ranong.

In agreement with USAID, the Institute focused SME efforts on the areas of southern Thailand affected by the tsunami under the Tsunami Recovery Action Initiative (TRAID) Program for Small Businesses. Consultancies have been provided to clients in Phuket and nearby tsunami-affected provinces.

Finally, the consulting team has worked with the Nanyang Textiles Group to improve the company's strategic planning processes and with the Thai Stainless Steel Co., Ltd. to enhance the company's supply chain management.

Business Support Organization Partnerships (BSOP)

The BSOP has concentrated on projects which develop and promote good governance, transparency, business structural reform, ethics, deepening of financial reform, and international competitiveness.

Completed this quarter was the "Legislative Drafting Reform Program" which has helped strengthen the Thai legislative drafting process. The Institute team helped the Office of the Council of State organize an "Observational Program to the United States: Sharing Experience on Law-Making" held June 13 to July 1. The program included training and a discussion series on legislative drafting process and challenges.

Still ongoing are programs in corporate citizenship, regional judicial reform and the regulatory dialog program. Altogether more than 30 partnering programs have been completed so far.

Education

The AERA Education Program aims to develop Thailand's tomorrow workforce so that they are equipped with IT and English skills in order to contribute fully to the country's economic development. The Program also works to build capacity in higher educational institutions.



In this quarter, the first batch of five American volunteers assisting the operation of Self-Access Language Centers at the Thai community colleges arrived in Thailand and began their volunteering assignments. A handbook on how to establish and run self-access English language centers at Thai community colleges was also published.

On other projects, three Master Facilitators for the REAL Curriculum from the US delivered a follow-up Institute to the Thai Master Facilitators who provide training to Thai entrepreneurs and educators. To assist the development of Mae Fah Luang University, the US-GMS Fellowship Committee awarded visiting professor fellowships and graduate students fellowship to six professors and three graduate students from Yunnan Province of China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Thailand.

Border Action Against Malaria Project (BAAM)

During this quarter, major activities implemented under the BAAM Project included:

- Monitoring antimalarial drug resistance in sentinel sites;
- Organizing the annual wrap-up workshop for the national network on antimalarial drug resistance sentinel surveillance to review results and plan coordination for the coming year;
- Preparation for implementation of the community and provider anti-malaria drug use practices study in Mae Hong Son Province;
- Organizing two teacher training courses and on-site follow-up for expansion of the school-based malaria education program with the Education Service Area Offices in Mae Sot (Tak) and Mae Hong Son, health and malaria control agencies;

Thailand Competitiveness Initiative

For the third quarter of FY2005, TCI focused on key activities with the main clusters assisted by the project.

TCI re-engaged with the gem and jewelry cluster in Chantaburi to help the cluster leadership develop a strategic marketing and branding program called “Chantaburi – City of World Gems.”

The High Value Agricultural Products Cluster in Western Thailand underwent some restructuring, but continued to provide training, research and seminars on food safety to help local producers meet international standards. A new group of trainers for Good Agricultural Practices certification successfully completed their courses for the Eurep certification.

The Northeastern Silk Cluster won support from provincial leaders, began research to adopt power looms to local conditions and supported training courses in traditional pattern design.

The Institute also began preparing to assist the National Economic and Social Development Board in a new national project to map and analyze more than 60 clusters around the country. That project is scheduled to begin as the USAID-funded activities come to a close.



Business Advisory Center (BAC)

April to June 2005

On-going Projects for This Quarter

REAL Entrepreneurship

The REAL program cooperates with the Bureau of Community Colleges Administration to develop rural entrepreneurship in their service areas. During this quarter, REAL facilitators completed two training workshops in Ranong and Krabi. In the first week of May, 23 small business owners from the central district of Ranong went through a five-day course that sought to reinforce their business management skills and know-how. Facilitators from the BAC and Ranong Community College shared equal responsibility in leading course activities. Three REAL master facilitators from North Carolina REAL observed the training and provided comments and guidance to assure the quality of the curriculum.

During June 21 - 23, the REAL team conducted a joint development project with the Microfinance team to train 28 tsunami victims from seven cooperative groups on Phi Phi Island in Krabi. The entrepreneurship training was designed to reinforce the microfinance efforts to assist the groups in establishing cooperatives and savings groups for long-term sustainability.

Microfinance - Sustainable Village Development

The Microfinance program aims at supporting the social and economic recovery of those communities affected by tsunami in ways that are more economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable. The Program utilizes community fund establishment to transfer microfinance, entrepreneurship know-how, and technical support to local communities. The targeted communities are located in Krabi, Phang Nga and Ranong.

In May, the Provincial Union of Krabi, Bank of Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (Krabi Branch), and the microfinance team organized a conference for representatives of micro enterprises from Phi Phi Island. An agreement was reached during the conference to form seven savings groups to allow the team to assist each group more effectively. The seven groups comprise a speed boat operator group, tourist boat group, traditional noodle group, food vendor group, retail store group, recycled garbage group and souvenir group. Twenty eight representatives from the seven groups received entrepreneurship training from the REAL team during June 21 – 23. The microfinance team will next review the purpose and amount of additional funding needed by each group. Microfinance management training will be provided as a condition of the grant injection to build and reinforce the concept of transparency and good fund management practice.

The microfinance team also met with communities on Sriboya Island and the Andaman development fund group in Kaokram district to discuss several topics with the saving funds management, including fund management, acquisition of local knowledge and improvement of productivity.



Microfinance Groups Update

The microfinance team is currently working with 13 savings groups with preliminary requirement of funds estimated at Baht 16.13 million (\$403,250). The background of each group is as follows:

The *first seven groups* are from **Phi Phi Island** (See Table 1) and are newly formed savings/career groups. They have not yet returned to live on the island as the authority has only recently (in July) completed construction planning for the island. The construction of approximately 100 residential houses on the island will start in August, and no formal announcement of the expected completion date has been made. Because of this, people from the island remain unsure of when they will return.

The Phi Phi island groups are all undergoing similar situations; they are having difficulty forming the savings groups because members are dispersed (location-wise, now all over Krabi) and the lack of strong leadership hinders an effective formation of savings groups. Instead, smaller subgroups within each career group are forming (unofficially) and several retail groups have formed, too, though they are not united in any way.

Of all the seven groups, the tourist boat group appears to be the most promising. The microfinance team met with the group leader, who detailed a plan to form the savings group.

On July 28, the microfinance team, together with the manager of Bank of Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) in Krabi and a volunteer expert, met with leaders of the Phi Phi career groups and laid out the conditions for receiving funds from the Institute (i.e. proof that groups are saving, the registry of group members, creation of a handbook with organizational specifics and fund management plans). Groups must provide these necessary items at the next meeting (mid-August) to KIA Asia and BAAC before being considered for funding. The BAAC has promised full support in helping group leaders figure out how to meet the requirements.

The *eighth group* from **Sriboya Island** is a very dynamic group with the largest population in one community. The microfinance team visited them twice to review needs and capabilities. They have successfully formed six career groups, and the microfinance team invited them to select 33 representatives to participate in REAL training scheduled for 22-25 August 2005.

The *ninth group* is the **Andaman Development Fund group** (*Ban Nai Nang*). On July 26, the microfinance team participated in a meeting with the group and learned that it has already begun saving, has completed the organizational handbook, and has compiled a registry of all members. Cooperation has been made easier because most members are all from the same industry (fishing) and are living in close proximity, facilitating effective communication. Initially, there were 80 households in need of financial assistance, but by the time the savings group formed, 47 households had already received internal help and were on the road to recovery. This leaves 33 households who still need assistance, creating a funds shortfall estimated at 1.4 million baht. The microfinance team consequently informed them that the first half of the fund of 700,000 baht from KIA Asia will be delivered in August and the other half by the end of the year (conditional to the revision of the group's loan book, savings book and lending procedure by KIA Asia by then).



*The tenth group, **Klong Prasong Island***, suffers from prolonged internal conflict. The microfinance team had difficulty arranging meetings with them to learn about their current situation and their plan for resolving problems. Nine career groups have been formed. KIA's volunteer expert had an exchange session with the group leaders and stressed the importance of networking for the development of the group.

*The eleventh group is from **Yaw Noi Island***. The group formed five savings groups in March and has since given out micro credits. The microfinance team proposed that the Yaw Noi island group make a detailed cost list that estimated the Dec. 26 tsunami's effect on households and the amount of funds needed from KIA. The members were urged to make careful records of expenses and earnings and bring them in for joint analysis. The microfinance team will visit the group on August 15 to evaluate the progress of the group.

*The twelfth group is the **Moken tribe from Ra Island***. Originally, the tribe resided on the island and made a living by fishing, but because of the tsunami 83 households were forced to live in temporary shelters provided by Samakeetam Temple. There are several organizations that have extended their support for this group, but most of the assistance has been short term in nature. The key issue for the group is their long-term development plan as the group relied on fishing for their livelihood before and now it is permanently taken away (the tribe did not have legal documents demonstrating land ownership, the island was invaded by investors – preventing them from returning). The microfinance team consulted with the abbot of Samakeetam Temple and proposed the initiation of career development training in conjunction with micro loans. The leader of the group will assist in inviting the tribe's members to participate.

*The thirteenth group the **Moken tribe at Ban Num Kaem***, has received financial support from many sources, but, apparently due to corrupt officials, most of the funds were not allocated directly to the victims. The microfinance team has asked the group to document their losses from the tsunami and estimate the funds needed by the group. Since then the group has formed a savings group, set up a plan to calculate the cost of the tsunami and devised a set of rules for the organization of the savings fund. However, there still remain twelve households in serious need of financial assistance. The microfinance team is scheduled to revisit the group on August 12 to assist in the formation and management of the savings group.



Microfinance Team – Savings Groups Report

Table 1

Career / Saving Group	Number of members	Preliminary estimation of sub-grant request (Subject to further review) (Baht million)	Current situation from microfinance team
1-7) Phi-Phi Island	35	5.00	The microfinance team, together with the manager of Bank of Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) in Krabi and a volunteer expert, met with leaders of the Phi Phi career groups and laid out the conditions for receiving funds from the Institute. They are having difficulty forming the savings groups because members are dispersed (location-wise, now all over Krabi) and the lack of strong leadership in each group hinders an effective formation of savings groups.
1) Speed boat group			
2) Tourist boat group	70	1.50	
3) Thai traditional food group	31	0.50	
4) Food vendor group	23	0.30	
5) Retail store group	105	1.20	
6) Recycle group	5	0.10	
7) Souvenir	18	0.15	
8) Sriboya Island, Amphur Nuaklong, Krabi	444	1.50	The microfinance team invited them to select 33 representatives to participate in REAL training scheduled for 22-25 August 2005.
9) Andaman development fund, Amphor Khow Kham, Krabi	60	1.375	The group has already begun saving, has completed the organizational handbook, and has compiled a registry of all members. KIAAsia transferred the first 0.7 million Baht in August, with another 0.7 million scheduled for December.

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10) Klong Prasong Island , Krabi	-	-	KIAsia's volunteer expert held an exchange session with the group leaders and stressed the importance of networking to the development of the group.
11) Yow Noi Island , Phang-nga	150	1.00	KIAsia requested that members determine the detailed cost of the tsunami's effect on each household and estimate the amount of funds needed. The info they present will be reviewed on August 15.
12) Moken tribe from Ra Island (? ? ? ? ?) and Ta Phra Yow Island , (? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?) , Phang-nga	306	3.00	Long term development plan needed. The microfinance team consulted with the abbot of Samakeetam Temple and proposed to initiate career development training. The leader of the group will assist in inviting the tribe's members to participate.
13) Moken tribe at Ban Num Kaem , Moo 2, Soi Koo Pud (? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?), Ban Kao Lak, Tumbon Lumkaen, Amphur Taimuang, Phang-nga.	60	0.50	The group has formed a savings group, arranged to calculate the cost of the tsunami and has also devised a set of rules for the organization of the savings fund. The microfinance team is scheduled to revisit the group on August 12 to assist in the formation and the management of the savings group.
Total	1,307	16.13 **	

** Preliminary figure only, subject to revision for final allocation.



“Tsunami Recovery Action Initiative” (TRAI) Program for Small Businesses

Since the launch of the TRAI program, 43 applications for business consulting recovery assistance have been received. Among these, BAC management and production consultants have been working with 21 small businesses to help them solve management and operational problems as well as set up systems in many areas. In addition, seven other applicants have been referred to a volunteer group from PricewaterhouseCoopers Thailand that provides consulting assistance on a pro bono basis.

Because of the low travel season, many companies in Phuket have requested management skills training to prepare for the forthcoming high travel season that starts in October. Training programs include sales and customer service, proactive-leadership development, Five Ss management, and database management. In Phang-Nga, businesses that were destroyed by the tsunami have requested one-on-one consultation on business planning and loan application so that they may begin to renovate their property.

BAC Provides Strategic Planning Consulting to Nanyang Textiles

The Nanyang Group is an exporter of textile and clothing with revenue exceeding 10 billion baht a year. They plan to expand their markets by improving the efficiency of their strategic planning process. The project is implemented in three phases. The first phase, launched in May, consisted of basic training. The second phase, being implemented between May and August, focuses on drafting a concrete strategic planning process. The final phase, lasting a year until August 2006, will include implementation of the process.

BAC Provides Supply Chain Management Training to Thai Stainless Steel

Thai Stainless Steel Co., Ltd. is a manufacturer of stainless steel kitchenware under the Seagull brand. To improve the company’s supply chain and enhance overall competitiveness, a supply chain management program was initiated. In the initial phase during June to October, the project focuses on enhancing sales and production planning and optimizing inventory level. Other areas for development in the second phase during November to March 2006 include warehouse management, distribution management and software development.



BAC Indicator Tables

Intermediate Objective 1

Bank and Business Activity Restarted

Indicators	Total number of SMEs receiving AERA consulting assistance Increase in gross revenue
Unit of Measure	Number of firms assisted Average percentage change in gross revenue on the part of assisted firms.
Source	Company records and company reports to BAC
Indicator Description	Current GDP growth projections for Thailand are in the 2.5% range. SMEs receiving AERA assistance are expected to perform at least twice as well and a target of 5% growth in total revenue has been set. One year after assistance, firms' revenue for the most recent quarter will be compared to the same quarter the previous year.

Year	Target # of Assisted SMEs Cumulative	Actual # of Assisted SMEs Cumulative	Actual Avg. % Sales Increase
2000	20	116*	31% ¹
2001	120	165	40% ²
2002	220	193	43% ³
2003	320	231**	50% ⁴
2004	410	286**	18% ⁵
2005	500	333**	50% ⁶

* Including 40 for 1999

** In 2003 a USAID evaluation team recommended that the BAC spend less effort on individual company consulting and increase focus on projects such as entrepreneurship training, cluster facilitation and small business incubation that affect larger numbers of companies. The target for SMEs to be assisted, however, was not adjusted.

¹ : 10 projects out of 32 respondents reported sales increase
16 projects reported no change in sales
3 projects reported sales decrease
3 projects did not reveal sales data

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- ² : 2 projects out of 5 respondents reported sales increase
2 projects reported no change in sales
1 project did not reveal sales data
- ³ : 16 projects out of 37 respondents reported sales increase
15 projects reported no change in sales
2 projects reported sales decrease
4 projects did not reveal sales data
- ⁴ : 2 projects out of 5 respondents reported sales increase
Q1&2 2 projects reported no change in sales
1 project did not reveal sales data
- Q3 5 projects out of 9 respondents reported sales increase (1 project reported 10% increase, 1 reported 5% and 3 did not reveal figures)
2 projects reported no change in sales
2 projects did not reveal sales data
- Q4 3 projects out of 6 respondents reported sales increase (1 project reported more than 10% increase, 1 reported about 200% and 1 did not reveal % increase)
1 project reported no change in sales
2 projects did not reveal sales data
- '03 total 10 projects out of 20 respondents reported sales increase
5 projects reported no change in sales
5 projects did not reveal sales data
- ⁵ : 1 project out of 4 respondents reported sales increase
Q1 3 projects reported no change in sales
- Q2 0 projects out of 6 respondents reported sales increase
4 projects reported no change in sales
1 project reported sales decrease
1 project did not reveal sales data
- Q3 Only 1 project was completed in Q3 year 2003, but not convenient to complete the questionnaire
- Q4 1 project out of 1 respondent reported sales increase
- ⁶ : 1 project out of 2 respondents reported sales increase
Q1 1 project reported no change in sales
- Q2&3 No respondent



BAC Indicator tables

Intermediate Objective 1

Bank and Business Activity Restarted

Indicator	Business plans or elements of business plans in use by SMEs receiving AERA assistance.
Unit of Measure	Percentage of SMEs with current business planning.
Source	Company follow-up reviews by BAC.
Indicator Description	Each SME receiving assistance will be encouraged where appropriate to use business planning methodologies. The percentage of firms that continue to maintain that planning one year after assistance is projected at 50%.

Year	Target	Actual
1999	0	Baseline – 0
2000	50%	100% *
2001	50%	100% *
2002	50%	97% **
2003	50%	100% ***
2004	50%	91% ****
2005	50%	100% *****

* All of the 32 and 5 responded projects in year 2000 and 2001 respectively either have business plans newly created or have existing plans in place

** 36 of 37 respondents have business plans in place and 1 does not

*** All of the 5 respondents for Q1&2, all 9 respondents for Q3 and all 6 respondents for Q4 reported having business plans in place

**** 3 of the 4 respondents for Q1 reported having business plans in place while all of 6 respondents for Q2 did, no respondent in Q3, the 1 respondent in Q4 did

***** All 2 responded projects in Q1 reported having business plans in use, no respondent in Q2&3



Business Support Organizations Partnership Program

April to June 2005

The BSOP aims to develop mutually beneficial, sustainable partnerships between US and Thai business support organizations in order to strengthen the regulatory and competitive environment, business standards, and good governance practices of the Thai private sector.

Since the beginning of the BSOP program in October 1999, a total of thirty-two large and small partnership projects have been approved and implemented under USAID-funded BSOP program. In total, thirty large-grant partnership projects have been completed and two large-grant partnership projects are underway.

Ongoing Activities

1. Corporate Citizenship Training Program: Engaging the Private Sector for Sustainable Economic Progress – Phase II

The Business Support Organizations Partnership Program (BSOP), in collaboration with The Center for Corporate Citizenship (CCC) at Boston College, will be delivering “Evaluation and Measurement” training for two days on July 14-15 and “Building Effective Employee Volunteering Programs” training for two days on July 18-19. The two course training programs will be conducted by Mr. Ronald G. Brown, an Executive Director from the Boston College’s CCC. The expected participants include senior and mid-level management from U.S., Thai and multinational corporations, KIASIA partners, and trained participants of “The Institute on Corporate Community Involvement” training course held on March 9-11.

These events are part of BSOP’s effort to promote corporate involvement and cross-sector partnerships as means for social and economic development in Thailand and the region.

2. Regional Judicial Reform: Alternative Dispute Resolution

Thailand’s Ministry of Justice is joining with the Office of the Judiciary and BSOP to organize the 2nd ASEAN Law Forum focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), including conciliation, mediation, and arbitration. The Forum will include a one-day workshop, and a one and a half-day conference to be held from July 26 – 28, 2005 in Bangkok. The participants are to include representatives from ASEAN member countries, including Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Regulatory Dialogue Program

BSOP and legal consultant PADCO work with a range of U.S. and Asian partners and donors to support country-led reform initiatives by facilitating access to international best practices that promote improved corporate and public governance. To date, four dialogue projects in Thailand have been approved and implemented under AERA Regional Regulatory Dialogue Program support. Four dialogue projects in Vietnam have been approved and implemented. In total, eight dialogue projects have been completed.



Project Completed During this Quarter

1. Thai-US Program on Legislative Drafting Reform: Sharing Best International Best Practices on Legislative Drafting

The funding for this project was reallocated from the “Developing a Thai Open Meeting Law” project at the request of the Thai government. The Prime Minister and Thailand’s Council of State have changed the plan to make legislative drafting reform as a priority. Instead of implementing the “Developing a Thai Open Meeting Law,” the Office of the Council of State has requested KIASia to support the “Legislative Drafting Reform Program.”

With support from the AERA Regional Regulatory Dialogue program, the Office of the Council of State organized “Observational Program to the United States: Sharing Experience on Law-Making” held June 13 to July 1. The program included training and a discussion series on legislative drafting process and challenges. Mr. Bruce Feustel, Senior Attorney from the National Conference of State Legislature traveled from Colorado to Washington, D.C. to conduct the meeting and training to share experiences dealing with United States Legislative Drafting Process, Procedure, and Practices at Federal and State Levels. The program aimed to identify strategies to strengthen the Thai legislative drafting process.

BSOP Indicator Tables

Intermediate Objective 1 Corporate and Financial Governance Improved

Indicator	Policies, systems, or procedures adopted by participating partner organizations
Unit of Measure	Number of participating organizations implementing policies, systems, or procedures introduced or strengthened through the partnership fostered by the BSOP

Year	Expected Measures Cumulative	Actual
1999	0	Baseline - 0
2000	2	7
2001	7	17
2002	10	23
2003	15	25
2004*	20	27
2005	25	

* Q4 of Year 2004 (April – June 2004): In total, 27 policies and systems have been changed.

Intermediate Objective 2 Financial and Corporate Governance Improved

Indicator	The number of long-term partnerships initiated and maintained
Unit of Measure	Number of partnerships



Year	Expected Partnerships Cumulative	Actual
1999	0	Baseline - 0
2000	2	7
2001	4	16
2002	8	22
2003	12	23
2004*	10	25
2005	8	

*Q2 of year 2003 (April – June): 23 partnerships between Thai and U.S. organizations are maintained.

AERA Education Program

The AERA Education Program aims to develop Thailand's workforce of tomorrow so that they are equipped with IT and English skills in order to become quality workforce who can contribute fully to the country's economic development. The program also works to build capacity in various areas for higher educational institutions.

In accomplishing this goal, the AERA Education Program has focused efforts towards the promotion of the use of information and communications technology (ICT), active participatory learning, and community linkages as learning tools so that both educators and students are comfortable with new technologies and learning styles. The main target groups of the AERA Education program are students and teachers at both the secondary and higher education levels. At the secondary level, the AERA Education Program works with the Ministry of Education, schools, and community groups. At the higher education level, special emphasis has been given to community colleges and Mae Fah Luang University, both newly-set up higher education institutions.

In this quarter, the first batch of five American volunteers arrived in Thailand and began their volunteering assignments at their designated Self-Access Language Center at the Thai community colleges. Three Master Facilitators for the REAL Curriculum from the US delivered a follow-up Institute to the Thai Master Facilitators. The US-GMS Fellowship Committee awarded visiting professor fellowships and graduate students fellowship to six professors and three graduate students from Yunnan Province of China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Thailand. A handbook on how to establish and run self-access English language centers at Thai community colleges also was published.

On-going Projects

1. Self-Access English Language Centers for Thai Community Colleges

The AERA Education program continues its assistance to the 10 Thai Community Colleges with a target to improve their English teaching capabilities by assisting them in setting up a self-access English language center (SAC) at each college. These centers will provide resources on English language teaching and learning for teachers, students, and other



community members in provinces where there are no higher educational institutions currently available. The US Embassy in Thailand also provides funding to support the project.

One hundred copies of the guidebook on how to establish and run self-access language centers at Thai community colleges have been published and distributed to all 10 colleges. KIAAsia retained 30 copies of the guidebook for future use. The two experts from KMUTT will start to conduct follow-up visits to three selected SACs to check on their progress and to provide consulting sessions to SAC managers as needed.

2. Entrepreneurship Training for Thai Community Colleges

The project seeks to bring in and localize a successful entrepreneurship curriculum from the US. With assistance from the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), six Thai trainers will be trained to become Master Facilitators for “REAL Entrepreneurship” curriculum in order for them to adapt and train trainers and students from the 10 Thai community colleges. The REAL Entrepreneurship curriculum is expected to be adopted as an on-going training program at Thai community colleges and other Thai educational institutions.

Three REAL Master Facilitators from NC REAL and the North Carolina Community College System delivered follow-up training called the “Boomerang Institute” to the first group of the Thai Master Facilitators between May 2-6, 2005 at Ranong Community College. The Thai Master Facilitators delivered a full REAL training course to new and existing entrepreneurs that were affected by the Dec. 26 tsunami while the American facilitators observed and provided feedback and guidance. The American facilitators also conducted a train-the-trainer session to KIAAsia’s training facilitators on the “Building Entrepreneurship Skills for Youth Workshop,” which is a shorter version of the REAL curriculum that is specially aimed at youth. In the last quarter of FY2005, the Thai community college trainers will roll out a REAL session at their community college. KIAAsia will send a team of Master Facilitators to supervise the session to ensure that the training is delivered up to standards.

3. US- GMS English Academic Fellowship Program

The US – GMS English Academic Fellowship aims to promote a mutual and strong academic partnership among GMS higher educational institutions, regarding the improvement and development of the GMS people’s English capability. In September 2004, the Fellowship Selection Committee made a Graduate Student Fellowship award to Ms. Kexiu Yin, a graduate student from the Yunnan University, China. Miss Yin participated in the fellowship program at Mae Fah Luang University from November 1 to March 1, 2005. Her fellowship research focuses on “Comparative Studies: Thai Culture Effects on the Use of English Language among Thai Users.”

In April 2005, the US-GMS Fellowship Committee awarded visiting professor fellowships and graduate students fellowship to six professors and three graduate students from Yunnan Province of China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Thailand. The fellows are to participate in teaching and research at the Mae Fah Luang University from June 1 to October 15, 2005. The research topics vary, depending on the interest of each fellow and include second language communication strategies, curriculum paradigm and development, new language teaching approaches, language skill development, particularly in writing and speaking, and the importance of language in the private sector, among others.



KIASia and Mae Fah Luang University will organize an international TESOL conference on “Better English for Better Regional Understanding” in September 2005. The organizer will invite notable guest speakers from US and regional countries to deliver presentations to participants. The US-GMS fellows will also showcase their research papers at the conference. The US – GMS English Academic Fellowship and the conference aim to promote a mutual and strong academic partnership among GMS higher educational institutions, regarding the improvement and development of the GMS people’s English capability.

4. Improving the Quality of Education Through IT

In an effort to leverage available funding and coordinate efforts with other donors, the IT for Education component of AERA established a budget of 2.7 million baht for activities coordinated with the World Bank-funded Secondary Education Quality Improvement (SEQI) project. Five major activities were planned as follows:

- a. Organize a training workshop on Computer Assisted Language Learning (CAELL) and using information technology for teaching English
- b. Workshop on Enhancing Leadership and Management of Technology
- c. Promoting a New Model of Supervision – Supportive Mentoring workshop
- d. Participatory Evaluation with Key Stakeholders
- e. Local development of software/courseware

The first four activities have been completed and the fifth activity has been reformulated in response to need to better understand how best to use computers in the classroom, especially in small rural secondary schools in Thailand.

The Computer Assisted Language Learning course was held in Chiang Mai and included English language teachers and educational supervisors. A lead instructor from Oregon State University – English Language Institute, supported by KIASia staff and English teachers from Chiang Mai Rajabhat Institute, provided a ten-day intensive course on the use of IT in English teaching. The participants were also introduced to the strategy of a one computer one class room model. Participants were instructors of English from: 5 (2 each) Rajabhat Institutes from the Northern Region: (Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Pitsanulok, Petchabun), Rajabhat Phranakorn and Meanprasatwittaya School (4 each), and Local Education Area supervisors of English language subject (1 from each LEA), and 2 from Mae Fah Luang University in the northern provinces

The two-day program on enhancing leadership and managing Technology encouraged 34 Directors of Local Education Areas and school Principals to provide leadership and school-based on-site supervision and support for teachers integrating ICT to support learning reform.

The workshop for educational supervisors on a new model of supervision was held at Meaprasatwithaya School in Bangkok. It used an experiential learning approach to show supervisors how to help teachers implement learning reform through application of computer technology as a tool for teaching and learning. Hands on teaching demonstrations and supervisory interactions took place at Meanprasatwithaya School. The training emphasized shifting to a new model of collegial collaboration and consultation that fosters and supports creativity in teaching-learning reform, rather than aiming to direct, control and inspect teaching, thus reducing fear, anxiety, and defensiveness of teachers.

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The development of software activity, after careful consultation with teachers and ministry officials, was replaced by a program to demonstrate and study the application of the one computer classroom model. The change was made for two reasons: first, there was great interest in the one computer classroom model, but a felt need to study how to best apply this in the Thai educational system; and second, there was concern that the teachers in the program were not yet sufficient confident of their teaching and IT skills to produce teaching materials that could be circulated to other schools. Therefore a new program to demonstrate and study the one computer classroom model is under development for delivery from September 2005 to June 2006.

The Participatory Evaluation activity was held June 14 and 15 in Chiang Mai. The evaluation resulted in a detailed report provided to the Office of the Basic Education Commission.

5. American Volunteers for Thai Community Colleges Project

The project proposes to bring in 12 qualified English native speakers from the US to work as volunteers at the newly-established self-access English language centers (SACs) of the 10 Thai community colleges. These American volunteers, spending at least three months in Thailand, will provide opportunities for community college students to have more interactions with English native speakers, encourage exchanges of cultures, and promote more use of the English language.

The first group of five American volunteers arrived in Thailand and attended a five-day orientation session at the King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT). The volunteers were trained on how to assist in running an SAC and developing self-access materials. They have now been placed at the community colleges in Mae Hong Son, Tak, Mukdahan, Sakaew, and Ranong provinces. The second batch of volunteers will be in Thailand between August 1 and October 14, 2005.



Border Action Against Malaria

The Border Action Against Malaria Project (BAAM) aims to slow the emergence and spread of multi-drug resistant malaria in Thailand's border areas. The program is developing new models of cooperation and partnership, particularly with communities and the public health system, to monitor, understand, and respond to the threat that multi-drug resistant strains will spread, not only in Thailand, but also across the region. This is intended to contribute to decentralization and reform of the public health system, improving its effectiveness as well as empowering and enabling communities to become more self-reliant in malaria prevention and control. The purpose of the project is to improve the national capacity for surveillance and response to multi-drug resistant malaria.

Project Activities Implemented This Quarter

During the reporting period from April through June 2005, activities implemented included the following:

Surveillance of MDR Malaria

Sentinel site monitoring of anti-malarial drug resistance: *In vitro* sensitivity monitoring and in vivo study of therapeutic efficacy of the currently used front line antimalarial drugs continued in nine border provinces under the malaria sentinel surveillance drug resistance network initiative. This included study of HRP2 drug sensitivity assay as baseline data and to compare with the results from morphological counting technique in order to adjust and tune the HRP2 technique for future application for monitoring antimalarial drug sensitivity. Results of sentinel surveillance were presented and reviewed at the annual wrap-up workshop in April. Results of in vivo monitoring of the standard two day regimen for *P. falciparum* (mefloquine 1,250 mg. and artesunate 600 mg.) showed reductions in adequate clinical response rates in Tak province (down from 92.8% in 2003 to 85.7% in 2004) and in Ranong province (down from 93.9% in 2003 to 88.5% in 2004).

Study on drug use practices: The Bureau of Vector-Borne Diseases (MOPH) moved ahead with preparations to expand coverage of the study on anti-malarial drug-use practices at the sentinel surveillance site in Chantaburi Province on the Thai-Cambodia border to include sites in Mae Hong Son and Tak Provinces in FY 2005, with technical assistance from Management Sciences for Health. The study is scheduled for implementation in Mae Hong Son in July-August and in Tak in the second peak (December-January).

Response to MDR Malaria

Treatment policy for multi-drug resistant malaria: This is the third quarter of implementation of the new standard treatment guidelines for a two-day regimen using mefloquine-artesunate combination treatment for multi-drug resistant malaria throughout the country, which is the result of three years of therapeutic efficacy monitoring in nine sentinel sites supported by BAAM, annual reviews, and numerous meetings of the National Antimalarial Drug Policy Committee to revise the drug treatment policy that became effective nation-wide starting in October 2004.



Research and development of an affordable, reliable, locally-produced rapid test for malaria antigen: The Ministry of Public Health continued research on developing dye particle-linked monoclonal antibodies against pLDH and pGAPDH for malaria antigen detection; research for cloning and expression of LDH and GAPDH enzymes from *P. falciparum* by genetic engineering method; and research and development for production of a dipstick kit utilizing dye particle-linked monoclonal antibodies against pLDH and pGAPDH for malaria antigen detection. Four LDH and four GAPDH clones with an acceptable level of response have been produced for use by NIH on the prototype dipstick. Field tests are scheduled to be conducted next quarter.

School-based Approach to Community Action Against Malaria Subproject: BAAM organized two seven-day workshops with the Education Service Area Offices in Mae Sot (Tak) and Mae Hong Son, health and malaria control agencies to train 230 teachers from 46 schools covering more than 100 villages with the highest malaria prevalence in Thailand. Teachers were trained on an education curriculum (grades 4-9) revised to include dengue, filariasis, and Japanese encephalitis in May prior to the start of the new school year. Teams of health officials, education officials, university teacher training professors, and BAAM staff are conducting on-site supervision and mentoring follow-up visits to all schools from June through September prior to planning the second training during the October term break.

Coordination and Networking:

- Participated in a WHO-SEARO sponsored workshop with SEAMO-TROPED to develop a multi-country Global Fund proposal focusing on multi-drug resistant malaria;
- Participated in consultations with Thai MOPH and Cambodian MOH regarding border collaboration on communicable disease control. This has resulted in a “Cambodia-Thailand Border Health Cooperation Meeting on Joint Proposal on HIV/AIDS/TB/Malaria/Disease Outbreak Response along the border between Cambodia and Thailand” in Phnom Penh from July 11-12, 2005. Thai-Cambodia collaboration on malaria control may form the basis for an expanded role for BAAM in the future and should be considered in the upcoming evaluation of USAID’s assistance for malaria control in Southeast Asia.
- Participated in the annual ACTMalaria partners meeting and gave a presentation on BAAM activities that may be of interest for future multi-country collaboration;
- Providing technical assistance to UNICEF in developing and promoting a comprehensive school health program model in Asia, including skills-based health education focusing on community-specific health priorities (e.g., prevention and control of mosquito-borne diseases);

Major Activities Planned for the Next Quarter

Major activities planned for the next quarter from July through September 2005 include the following:

- Monitoring antimalarial drug resistance in sentinel sites;

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- Implementation of the community and provider anti-malaria drug use practices study in Mae Hong Son Province;
- On-site follow-up of teacher training courses and planning second training for expansion of the school-based malaria education program with the Education Service Area Offices in Mae Sot (Tak) and Mae Hong Son, health and malaria control agencies;
- Continuation of research and development efforts on producing dipstick dye immunoassays utilizing dye particle-linked monoclonal antibodies developed against pLDH and pGAPDH for malaria antigen detection;
- Participate in independent assessment team evaluating the Global Fund malaria project;
- Participate in the evaluation of USAID's malaria program in ANE.



Thailand Competitiveness Initiative Program

CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

Chanthaburi Gem and Jewelry Cluster

Though this cluster does not have collaboration and leadership as robust as HVAP (see below), it has equally good potential, particularly in the areas of boosting value-added and increasing world market share.

As previously reported, TCI was close to withdrawing from this cluster and leaving the mentor role to Burapha University. However, due to newly emerging opportunities that have demanded quick strategic moves by the cluster, TCI has maintained involvement.

The Provincial Administration is pushing forward with the vision “Chanthaburi: the City of World Gems”. The CGA is working alongside the provincial economic development team to win governmental support for this project. TCI was asked to give advice on strategic moves and prepare a convincing presentation for the Prime Minister during a mobile cabinet meeting to be held on August 2, 2005.

Western Thailand High Value Agricultural Produce Cluster

- HVAP working committee came up with a resolution to restructure the organization in an effort to cope with several program initiatives and implementations. Dr. Vichai Korpraditskul remained president of the HVAP cluster whereas three vice presidents were appointed to take care of three different functions: finance and administration, academic training and seminar, marketing information and public relations.
- HVAP cluster in collaboration with Kasetsart University organized a continuing seminar on food safety to a public audience of about 65 people. Mr. Ueno Kazumi, food expert from Japan, was invited to deliver a session on “Current Status and Trend of the World” concerning rules and regulations for vegetable and fruit food safety.
- Dr. Apichart Pongsrihadulchai, Secretary General of NACFS, presided over the ceremony to award a certificate of achievement to trainers who passed the EUREP GAP exam and workshop. He praised the EUREP GAP training as an important mechanism to upgrade quality standards leading to the international certification and audit being recognized by the British Standards Inspector.
- Dr. Runganpa Korpraditskul, Vice President of HVAP cluster, was invited to give a lecture on Mango Processing System under good agriculture practice (GAP) for export to Japan. About 45 people from the fruit & vegetable sector attended the seminar, gaining exposure to HVAP cluster activities ranging from safe vegetables to potential fruit varieties.
- “Food Safety Strategy” seminar at Kasetsart University, Kampaengsaen, was given to about 80 green shops selling agricultural supplies relating to harmful chemical substances. Certification program is designed to endorse certain green shops following rules and regulations on chemical residues level acceptable to export markets and domestic allowance.



As reported in the previous quarterly report, this cluster is so far the most robust among the Institute's cluster development projects.

The cluster was successful in developing the groundwork for competitiveness enhancement through actions such as instituting GAP in western provinces and working to change mindsets of key cluster members. For the latter, TCI focused on promoting quality culture to reinforce GAP and training courses catered for vegetable growers, handlers and merchandisers. Through informal sessions centered on the idea of higher value, key leaders of the cluster looked at strategic thinking, marketing, benchmarking and other issues.

The cluster is now gathering momentum and is ready to meet new challenges. There are currently two major initiatives in the preparation stage that will be implemented in the near future. One is to lay groundwork for traceability to reinforce GAP that ultimately enhances customer satisfaction. Another initiative is to improve logistics in order to efficiently mobilize agricultural producers of western provinces toward EU market.

Southern Thailand Marine Foods Cluster

As noted in the previous quarterly report, TCI intends to keep this cluster relationship at arms length, responding to requested involvement but not taking initiative.

During the last quarter key members of the cluster, such as FTI and PSU, were engaged in rehabilitation of tsunami stricken areas. The industry itself was hard hit by external factors such as soaring oil prices and a shortage of brood stock. As a result no significant activities were conducted with this cluster in this quarter.

Bangkok Multi Media and Digital Content Cluster

There was no significant cluster activity during the second quarter. TCI consultants had a meeting with members of Bangkok Siggraph in June and no commitment was initiated.

Northeastern Silk Cluster

TCI made progress in guiding the cluster along its recommended direction and also in pooling key partners to join activities.

The basic overall plan at this stage was to snowball the cluster development with activities meant for strengthening or long term upgrading of silk production capabilities. Initiatives proposed by TCI that were put into action include:

1. Contract farming for yellow cocoons

Village farmers and a company producing special silk yarns partnered for this initiative. Deputy Governor of Nakornratchasima in charge of economic development activity supported the scheme. He pledged himself as an advocate to the project.

2. Semi-mechanical looms for silk weaving

TCI supported Pakthongchai Technical College to conduct research in order to modify and adapt the looms to suit local needs at costs affordable to local weavers.

3. Weaving pattern design courses

TCI supported Rajamangala University of Technology Isan (RMUTI) to develop courses in weaving pattern design to be taught to develop weaving skills of local silk



weavers. It became clear that a key success ingredient for silk cluster acceleration is to find and bring in companies interested in sophistication and upgrading.

Chiang Mai Tourism Cluster

Northern SMEs Center, CDA of the Cluster, proposed a project that would introduce a new segment to the Chiang Mai tourism market. Named “Edutainment Tourism Project”, it would hopefully increase the duration of tourists’ visits to Chiang Mai. The first round of meetings with firms and related government agencies was held at Northern SMEs Center to discuss the possibility of the project and how TCI could provide support. The next meeting is slated for August 5, and the project could potentially be launched by September 2005.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Cluster Mapping Project for National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB)**

The NESDB selected TCI for this project, but work must be completed concerning documentation, clarification and technical liaison before an agreement can be signed.

- **Provided consultation to Burapha University, who was assigned by the Office of SME Promotion to study eastern provinces cluster**

TCI consultant was appointed to be a consultant to the project. TCI provides consultation to Burapha University in studying clusters in eastern provinces and acts as a speaker for the project’s workshops. Information obtained by these universities will be useful to the NESDB Cluster Mapping Project.

- **Palm Oil Cluster seminars in southern provinces; a project by Department of Agricultural Extension (DOAE)**

TCI consultants assisted the DOAE in developing Palm Oil Clusters in three southern provinces; Krabi, Chumporn and Surat Thani. The project aims at promoting the cluster concept to Palm Oil stakeholders in order to leverage its competitiveness in the world market and to serve a national agenda on research and development of alternative energy (bio-diesel). TCI played the leading role in two workshops in Chumporn and Krabi.

III. Future Activities

TCI activities in the fourth quarter of FY 2005 will be related to cluster exit strategy (the program will end by September), conducting the NESDB Cluster Mapping Project and assisting CGA in promoting the Chantaburi gem cluster.



Business Support Organizations Partnership Program Quarterly Activities Report (April to June 2005)

BSOP Project Matrix – Projects Approved for Funding				
Large Grants				
Project Name / Objective	Description	Objectives/ outcomes	Partners	Status
Standards of Practice Handbook: Certified Investment and Securities Analyst Program / <i>Financial Governance</i>	The Association for Investment Management and Research (AIMR) and the Securities Analysts Association (SAA) promoted a "code of ethics" for the Thai corporate sector by translating and adapting the AIMR's manual for the Thai environment.	To build up a strong ethics and professional standards program	SAA (Thai), AIMR (US)	The project was completed in September 2001.
Support programs related to the Chartered Financial Analyst Designation/ <i>Financial Governance</i>	AIMR experts traveled to Bangkok to conduct a workshop on Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS). In addition, the 10-day review sessions in tutorial classes were delivered to prepare CISA/CFA candidates for level 1 and level 2, year 2002 exam, using Schweser materials.	To raise the quality of Thai practitioners in finance and capital markets.	SAA (Thai), AIMR (US), Schweser (US)	The project was completed in May 2002.
Upgrading the Capability of Accounting Instructors / <i>Financial Governance</i>	The Institute for Certified Auditors and Accountants of Thailand (ICAAT) developed accounting instructional aids including video tapes, computer programs and teacher's manuals to use in higher education with assistance from a US counterpart university.	Improved accounting standards, particularly outside of Bangkok.	ICAAT (Thai), U.S. University	<p>The project was completed in December 2002.</p> <p>On December 12, 2003, ICAAT and KIASIA presented these accounting teaching materials, including CD-ROMs, transparencies, and teachers' manuals, to Her Royal Highness Princess Chulaporn Walailuk in honor of His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej on the occasion of his 75th birthday.</p>

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Comparative Study on Thailand's Savings and Investment Tax Policy / <i>Financial Governance</i>	The study examined the impact of Thailand's present tax structure on the financial and capital markets from both the economic and administrative aspects. The Security Exchange Commission of Thailand (SEC) asked for the Thai Development Research Institute to conduct the study with assistance from U.S. experts.	More attractive tax provisions for investors	Thai SEC, TDRI, U.S. Counterpart	The project was completed in September 2001.
Bankruptcy Court Administration Program Part I / <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	The American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) has provided technical assistance to the Thai Central Bankruptcy Court (CBC) in training and establishing systems to deal under the revised laws with the backlog of corporate bankruptcies.	To improve the capabilities of the CBC and develop a relationship between CBC & ABI	CBC (Thai) ABI (U.S.)	The project was completed in March 2002.
Bankruptcy Court Administration Program Part II / <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	As a result of ABI's recommendation in Part I of the program, additional technical assistance and training is to be given to CBC by the ABI-member team in area of IT. With BSOP support, the videoconferencing equipment was also installed at the CBC to connect with the Office of the Judiciary.	To increase the capabilities of CBC in handling bankruptcy cases	CBC (Thai) ABI (U.S.)	The last training component in Thailand is pending.
Thai Bankers Handbook / <i>Corporate Governance</i>	Under a licensing agreement with the American Bankers Association (ABA), the Thai Institution for Banking and Finance Association (TIBFA) developed a handbook for all Thai Bankers by adopting ABA materials.	Completion and use of handbook throughout Thailand	TIBFA (Thai) ABA (U.S.)	TIBFA introduced a Thai Bankers' Handbook to 130 financial sector professionals and the media on March 14, 2003. The project was already completed.

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Establishing TLAPS Linkage with APICS/ <i>International Competitiveness</i>	To continue its effort to establish a sustainable relationship with APICS, TLAPS will deliver a pilot training program for APICS certification. APICS CPIM certification consists of five modules. The pilot program includes five review courses to cover the CPIM's five modules. The results of the pilot program will determine future support for subsequent training programs.	To establish a sustainable relationship with APICS	TLAPS (Thai) APICS (U.S.)	The fifth review on "Strategic Management of Resources," the fourth module of CPIM, was held June 4 – 6, 2004. The project has been completed.
Performance Audit Workshop / <i>Corporate Governance</i>	The training program was delivered as a two-week workshop introducing the fundamental principals, concepts, and methods of performance auditing. This workshop includes a three-day module on instructional skill to improve the ability of participants to pass on their newly acquired knowledge and skills to the Office of the Auditor General's auditors throughout the country.	To improve the capability of the OAG's auditors in performance auditing	OAG (Thai) GAO (U.S.)	The project was completed in April 2001.
Development and Implementation of the Strategic Framework and operational plan/ <i>Corporate Governance</i>	The US General Accounting Office and the Office of Inspector General, Department of Transportation (OIG/DOT) is providing technical assistance to increase the capabilities of the Office of the Auditor General of Thailand (OAG) and its officials in developing and implementing a new strategic framework and operational plan for OAG.	To devise the strategic framework and operational plan for OAG	OAG (Thai) GAO, OIG/DOT (U.S.)	Activities were completed. The final draft of strategic framework is to be announced by August 2004.

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Building Capacity and Professional Standard for Property Valuation in Thailand / <i>Financial Governance</i>	The Appraisal Foundation (TAF) is providing technical assistance to the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) to develop a single standard, code of ethics, and its audit manual for the Thai valuation profession. A single neutral standard, a code of ethics, and an audit manual for supervision will improve the transparency and accuracy of appraisals and will have a positive impact on financial and capital markets sector.	Single standard, code of ethics, and its audit manual for Thai valuation profession	SEC (Thai) TAF (U.S.)	The project was completed in November 2003.
ABIH Certified Industrial Hygienist Program / <i>International Competitiveness</i>	The Occupational Health and Safety at Work Association (OHSWA) of Thailand joined with the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) to provide training and establish a certificate program.	To upgrade the professional skills of Thai health officials and strengthen the relationship between OHSWA and ABIH	OHSWA (Thai) ABIH (U.S.)	The project was completed in September 2001.
Public Education Program on Credit Bureaus/ <i>Financial Governance</i>	The Fiscal Policy Office (FPO) and the Bank of Thailand (BOT) partnered with the U.S. Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA), the Federal Trade Commission, and the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) to exchange knowledge and information on credit bureaus through public education programs.	To increase the awareness of credit information, credit reporting, credit bureaus, and the establishment and use of credit among the public, including private and government sectors	FPO, BOT (Thai) CDIA (U.S.)	The project was already completed.

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SET Junior Achievement Thailand / <i>International Competitiveness</i>	The BSOP is providing support to the Thailand Securities Institutes (TSI) of the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) to organize, develop and deliver economics education programs for Thai youth and to promote Thai capital markets. Junior Achievement International (JAI), an International arm of the well-known US economic education organization, has provided the TSI with curriculum, education materials, and expert technical assistance and training.	To promote the long-term development of the capital market and stock market in Thailand	SET-TSI (Thai) JAI (U.S.)	KIASia continued to work with the SET-TSI to conduct a training series. The contract with SET-TSI will be extended through September 2005.
The Bond Market Development/ <i>Financial Governance</i>	The co-operation between Thai BDC and TBMA focused on technical assistance and consultation, translation and adaptation of standards materials, as well as the introduction of appropriate U.S. organizations to provide training course to the Thai BDC. This cooperative program aims at developing the bond market in Thailand.	To develop the bond market in Thailand	Thai BDC TBMA (U.S.)	The project was already completed in September 2002.
Secured Transaction Law Development and Implementation/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) provided technical assistance to the Office of the Judiciary (OJ) to promote a new law on Business Secured Transaction in Thailand and to prepare the establishment of Registry Office.	To promote a new Business Secured Transaction Law and to prepare for the establishment of a Registry Office	OCJ (Thai) ABI (U.S.)	The project was already completed in September 2002.
Community Leadership Training Program/ <i>Corporate Governance</i>	The Institute for Management Education for Thailand foundation (IMET) joined with The Community Leadership Association (CLA) to conduct training on Community Leadership program to promote good community leadership throughout Thailand	To promote good community leadership throughout Thailand	IMET (Thai) CLA (U.S.)	The project was completed in September 2002

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Mediation Center for Financial Disputes Program/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	American Bankruptcy Institution (ABI) provided technical assistance and training to enhance the efficiency and capabilities of a newly-established Mediation Centre for Financial Disputes (MCFD), including mediators, financial advisors, and staff.	To enhance the ability and creativity of mediators, financial advisors, and MCFD staff	DRO (Thai) ABI (U.S.)	The project was successfully completed in September 2002.
Organic Inspection Training Program/ <i>International Competitiveness</i>	The Independent Organic Inspectors Association (IOIA) provided technical assistance to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to develop the organic crops inspection process in Thailand.	To build Thai government officers' capabilities to inspect organic crops	DOA (Thai) IOIA (U.S.)	The project was completed in June 2002.
Productivity and Workplace Improvement/ <i>International Competitiveness</i>	Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) and the National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH) are joining with the National Institute for the Improvement of Working Conditions and Environment (NICE) to deliver a train-the-trainer program on "Productivity and Workplace Improvements" in Thailand.	To upgrade the skills of regional NICE officers.	NICE (Thai) OSHA (U.S.) NIOSH (U.S.)	The project is pending.
Upgrading the Capabilities of Post and Telegraph Department's Staff for National Telecommunications Commission's Secretariat Office/ <i>Corporate Governance</i>	This training and technical assistance program plans to upgrade the capabilities of the officials of the Post and Telegraph Department (PTD) in preparation for the organization's transformation into the Secretariat of the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), which is to operate as an independent regulator of telecommunications and will promote competition and liberalization.	To upgrade the capabilities of PTD's officials	PTD (Thai) FCC (U.S.)	The project was successfully completed in August 2003.

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Capacity Building for Dispute Resolution (Judicial Reform Project)/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	The Office of the Judiciary (OJ), the Federal Judicial Center (FJC), and the American Bar Association (ABA) have joined together to exchange knowledge and information on judicial reform issues. This training and technical assistance program aims to promote the application of new measures in the Thai courts in order to eliminate unnecessary delays and to improve efficiency in the court proceedings of economic cases.	To improve efficiency in the court proceedings	OCJ (Thai) FJC (U.S.) ABA (U.S.)	The project was already completed.
USFDA-Approved Better Process Control Scholl (BPCS) in Thailand Year II and III/ <i>International Competitiveness</i>	The National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC) has provided assistance to King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) to establish USFDA approved BPCS in Thailand. BPCS is the first ever school in Thailand that aims to assist Thai food exporters of low-acid canned food (LACF) and acidified foods (AF) in exporting to foreign markets.	To establish a USFDA certified BPCS in Thailand	BIOTEC, KMUTT (Thai) Purdue Univ. (U.S.)	The project was already completed.
Internal Audit Quality Assessment – Professional Practices and Training on Quality Assurance Review Program/ <i>Corporate Governance</i>	The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA-US) initiated its professional practice of rendering quality auditing services on Quality Assurance Review (QAR) program for Krung Thai Bank, and provided capacity building for its Thai affiliated IIA of Thailand (IIAT). This QAR services aims to assist the bank's internal audit staff to improve its skills in operational auditing risk assessment and implementing of internal control.	To provide KTB with quality QAR services that will help improve its good governance.	KTB, IIAT (Thai) IIA-US (U.S.)	The project was completed in November 2002

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Capacity building for Internal Auditors profession Year II – Control Self Assessment Program/ <i>Corporate Good Governance</i>	The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA-US) is joining with the Institute of Internal Auditors of Thailand (IIAT) to deliver a public education and to conduct professional training course on Control Self Assessment (CSA) Program for The Institute of Internal Auditors of Thailand's members in building capacity for the internal auditor profession.	To improve Thailand's financial and corporate governance through the education of internal auditors profession.	IIAT (Thai) IIA-US (U.S.)	Ms. Johanna Swauger, IIA's Assistant Vice President of the Research & Analysis, traveled to Bangkok to deliver a seminar and two training classes on "Enterprise Risk Management" from July 17 – 24, 2004. The project was successfully completed.
IPR Management Training Program/ <i>International Competitiveness</i>	The International Intellectual Property Institute (IIPI) and BIOTEC will join together with KIASia and other key stakeholders to contribute to a roadmap for national IP development and provide intellectual property management training for researchers, potential biotech entrepreneurs, investors and SMEs to promote bioentrepreneurship in Thailand and to build the IPR commercialization skills of a core group of KIASia Intellectual Property consultants.	To develop and deliver a course for entrepreneurs, researchers and bio-entrepreneurs on IPR commercialization	BIOTEC, KIASia (Thai) IIPI (U.S.)	On July 29, BSOP hosted a discussion forum on "Intellectual Property Roadmap for Thailand" in cooperation with BIOTEC, Thailand Research Fund (TRF), Chulalongkorn University's Intellectual Property Institute (CU IPI) and IIPI.
Corporate Citizenship Training Program: Engaging the Private Sector for Sustainable Economic Progress – Phase I/ <i>Corporate Good Governance</i>	KIASia's BSOP program, Thai experts from CSR Working committee and academics, and The Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College (CCC) will join together to deliver a series of training initiatives that promote private sector participation in local economic development.	To engage in social and economic development within their communities	KIASia, Thai experts (Thai) CCC (U.S.)	KIASia in collaboration with CCC delivered a training program on "The Institute on Corporate Community Involvement" for the first time in Thailand. The training was held on June 22 – 23, 2004 for approx. 30 participants from Thai and multinational companies. The project was successfully completed.

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Developing the Rayong Livable Community: Proposal for the Economic Development Partnership Component/ <i>Corporate Good Governance</i>	BSOP is joining with Cornerstone Global Program, U.S. Economic Development Partnership Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEAT), Dow Chemical Thailand, Ltd, and the Rayong community to implement the Economic Development Partnership in Rayong. Through this project, stakeholders in the Rayong community along with KIAAsia staff will gain hands-on experience in creating and sustaining an economic development partnership to (re)develop the Rayong province into a “livable community.”	To develop and sustain a pilot economic development partnership in Mab Tha Phut/Rayong that effectively addresses the community’s (re)development agenda	KIAAsia, Dow Chemical, IEAT (Thai) KIW, U.S. EDP (U.S.)	Three delegates from Rayong Community participated in the U.S. Study Tour to learn more about the U.S. economic development partnership model. The trip took place from September 12 – 25, 2004.
Corporate Citizenship Training Program: Engaging the Private Sector for Sustainable Economic Progress – Phase II/ <i>Corporate Good Governance</i>	KIAAsia’s BSOP program and The Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College (CCC) will join together to deliver an Executive Briefing and the Corporate Citizenship training program in a series of training courses to promote private sector participation in local economic development.	To engage in social and economic development within the area of Corporate Social Responsibility	KIAAsia, CCC (U.S.)	KIAAsia in collaboration with CCC delivered an Executive Briefing on Corporate Citizenship and a series of training courses in Bangkok held on March 9-11 and 14-15 with participants from Thai and multinational companies. The briefing and the training courses were successfully completed.
Regional Judicial Reform: Alternative Dispute Resolution/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reform</i>	BSOP is joining with Thailand’s Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Judiciary to hold the 2 nd ASEAN Law Forum focusing on Alternative Dispute Resolution. The Forum will include a one-day workshop and one and a half-day conference. The participants will include representatives from ASEAN member countries.	To promote ADR in ASEAN	MOJ OJ ASEAN Sec. KIAAsia	The 2 nd ASEAN Law Forum will be held from July 26 – 28, 2005 in Bangkok.



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Small Grants				
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Technical Assistance for Thailand Rating Information Services (TRIS) / <i>Financial Governance</i>	Mr. Reed C. Parker, Volunteer Executive from IESC, spent one month in Bangkok to provide technical assistance to TRIS in the area of credit rating from January 17 – February 11, 2000.	To strengthen Thai corporations' abilities to raise funds by improving the capabilities of TRIS in bond rating	TRIS (Thai), IESC (US)	The project was completed in February 2000.
Technical Assistance for Thailand Rating Information Services (TRIS) – Trip #2/ <i>Financial Governance</i>	An expert from Financial Services Volunteer Corps (FSVC) is providing technical assistance and training on traditional credit rating methodology to TRIS analysts. The program will also include on-the-job training on specific cases to be rated.	To strengthen the capabilities of TRIS in credit rating methodologies and procedures and securitization	TRIS (Thai), FSVC (US)	The project was already completed.
APICS-TLAPS Partnership/ <i>International Competitiveness</i>	With BSOP Support, Mr. Richard Welch, former President of APICS to travel to Bangkok to attend the TLAPS conference and to build the relationship with TLAPS in May 2000. TLAPS President and Advisor also attended APICS conference held in October 2001 under BSOP support.	To establish long-term cooperation between TLAPS and APICS	TLAPS (Thai), APICS (US)	The project was already completed.
International Auditor Fellowship Program / <i>Corporate Governance</i>	The officials from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) participated in an International Auditor Fellowship Program organized by the US General Accounting Office (GAO). The GAO Fellowship program, which supports the goal of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) to strengthen auditing and financial management practices and promotes the sharing of information and experiences among Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI) throughout the world.	To improve the capabilities of the OAG staff and develop a relationship between OAG and GAO	OAG (Thai), GAO (U.S.)	Under BSOP support, two OAG staff, including Mr. Phaisarn Vorasetsiri (2000), and Mr. Karanee Butrameeboon (2001), participated in the GAO Fellowship program in U.S. The program was already completed.

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The International Auditor Fellowship Program's field office placement 2000 / <i>Corporate Governance</i>	The program is a continuation of the International Auditor Fellowship program and is designed to provide the participant with training, which includes gaining practical experiences in designing and implementing audits.	To improve the capabilities of the OAG staff and develop a relationship between OAG and GAO	OAG (Thai) GAO (U.S.)	Mr. Phaisarn Vorasetsiri, the 2000 GAO Fellow, was selected to participate in on-the-job training at GAO's field office in Chicago. The program was already completed.
Land Assessors' standard and procedures / <i>Financial Governance</i>	Mr. James Park, Director of Research and Technical Issues from the Appraisal Foundation (TAF), came over to hold talks with key Thai organizations involved in the land assessment in late August.	To improve knowledge of assessors in Thai assessment organizations	Association of Thai Assessors, TAF (U.S.)	The program was completed in August 2000.
Certificate for Occupational Health and Safety / <i>International Competitiveness</i>	BSOP provided financial support to Mr. Dan Agopsowicz, the Board Chair of the American Board of Industrial Hygiene, to deliver a seminar to the Occupational Health and Safety at Work Association in Thailand	To initiate training programs and establish a certificate program to comply with the new Labour ACT	OHSWA (Thai), ABIH (U.S.)	The program was already completed.
SET Derivatives Program / <i>Financial Governance</i>	Mr. Robert B. Gilmore, an expert consultant, came to provide technical assistance and training to the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) to improve SET's knowledge of derivatives and systems to offer derivatives products.	To prepare the SET's staff for delivering of new derivatives products	SET (Thai), U.S. partner	The program was completed.
Thai Credit Bureau / <i>Financial Governance</i>	With BSOP support, the executives from the Central Credit Information Services Co., Ltd. (CCIS) and the Thai Credit Bureau Co., Ltd., attended The Credit Reporting World Conference held by the US Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA) in 2000 and 2002.	Better knowledge on credit bureaus	CCIS, TCB (Thai), CDIA (US)	The program was completed.

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BMA – Thai BDC Partnership/ <i>Financial Governance</i>	Mr. Michael Decker, Vice President of Research and Policy Analysis at the Bond Market Association (TBMA), held meetings with the Thai Bond Dealing Centre (Thai BDC) and the Thai regulators in the area of bond market development in Thailand. This is the first step towards building a partnership between Thai BDC and TBMA.	To build the partnership between Thai BDC and TBMA	Thai BDC, TBMA (U.S.)	The trip has been completed.
International Pension Exchange Program/ <i>Financial Governance</i>	Three US. experts from Pacific Pension Institute (PPI) provided technical assistance to Government Pension Fund (GPF) of Thailand and gave their presentations at the “World Class Fund Management” conference held by GPF.	To educate GPF staff on pension fund management	GPF (Thai), PPI (U.S.)	The project was completed in May 2001.
International Pension Exchange Program II/ <i>Financial Governance</i>	BSOP provided support for the expert from Pacific Pension Fund to deliver a 2003 Asian Pension Fund Roundtable Meeting to be held from December 11 - 12, 2003 in Bangkok.	To strengthen the standards and performance of national pension systems and to promote more effective and transparent corporate governance in the private sectors throughout the region	GPF (Thai), PPI (U.S.)	The project was approved in December 2003.
Secured Transaction Law Development and Implementation/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	With BSOP support, Dr. Thammanoon Phitayaporn, to attend the International Colloquium on Secured Transactions to discuss the first preliminary draft Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)	To share Thailand’s views on Secured Transactions Law with international communities	OJ (Thai) UNCITRAL	The project was completed.

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Thai Telecommunication Development/ <i>International Competitiveness</i>	Under BSOP support to the Post and Telegraph Department (PTD), the Communication Authority of Thailand (CAT) and the Telephone Organization of Thailand (TOT) sent the delegation to attend the "Southern Asian Telecommunications Regulatory Workshop" in Jakarta, Indonesia. In addition, the BSOP also provided expert assistance to set up regulatory procedures for Thai National Telecommunications Commission (NTC).	To develop regulatory procedures for Thai NTC	PTD (Thai), CAT (Thai), TOT (Thai), U.S. expert	The project was completed.
Bankruptcy Law Reform Project/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	Mr. George M. Kelakos made his preliminary trip to Bangkok to discuss the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)'s technical assistance on the issues related to bankruptcy law reform with the Council of State (COS).	To promote bankruptcy law reform in Thailand	COS (Thai) ABI (U.S.)	The project was completed in April 2002.
Judicial Administration and Reform Course/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	With BSOP support, the Supreme Court of Thailand sent two judges to participate in Judicial Administration and Reform Course held in Sydney, Australia between June 2 – 21, 2002. The course was organized by the International Development Law Institute (IDLI) to review international and regional initiatives in the field of judicial administration and governance, and to provide forum for discussion of judicial reform issues arising in the Asia-Pacific region.	To promote judicial administration and reform	The Supreme Court (Thai), IDLI	The project was completed.

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Judicial Capacity regarding Intellectual Property – Enforcement and Dispute Settlement/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	Three senior judges from the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court participated in the conference on Judicial Capacity regarding Intellectual Property – Enforcement and Dispute Settlement held in Washington D.C., U.S. from September 12 – 13, 2002. The conference is organized by the United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (USPTO) and the International Intellectual Property Institute (IIFI) to provide a forum for participants from developed and developing countries to share their experiences in Intellectual Property Enforcement and Dispute Settlement.	To share Thailand's experiences on IPR to an international forum	IP&IT court (Thai), IIFI (U.S.)	The project was completed in September 2002
The 5 th Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law: New Dimension in Present and Future/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	BSOP provided partial support for the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court to organize the 5 th Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law: New Dimension in Present and Future. The symposium was held from December 2 – 3 in Bangkok.	To expose Thai public to international practices of IPR	IP&IT court (Thai), IIFI (U.S.)	The project was completed.
Workshop for bankers on negotiating and mediating NPL settlements effectively/ <i>Financial and Corporate Governance</i>	The BSOP, in collaboration with the Thai Bankers' Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, and the World Bank, organized a one-day workshop entitled "Negotiating and Mediating NPL Settlements Effectively." The workshop was conducted by two U.S. experts from the American Bankruptcy Institute, Mr. Jacob Esher, Senior Mediator, JAMS, and Mr. George M. Kelakos, Special Counsel, Heller Ehrman Attorneys. The participants included 50 bankers and representatives from Thai Asset Management Corporation (TAMC) and the Corporate Debt Restructuring Advisory Committee (CDRAC) of the Bank of Thailand.	To promote the use of mediation in financial cases in order to strengthen Thailand's financial and judiciary systems	TBA, ADR (Thai), ABI (U.S.), World Bank	The activity was completed.

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IP and Bioentrepreneurship Training Workshops/ <i>International Competitiveness</i>	Two US experts, Dr. Mark Tang of World Technology Ventures, and Dr. Frances Toneguzzo, Director of Licensing, MGH, Harvard Medical School, traveled to Thailand to deliver an introductory training course on IP Management to BAC consultants. Subsequently, KIAAsia and BIOTEC co-organized a full-day workshop on “Bioentrepreneurship” on July 18 as part of the BioThailand 2003 conference in Pattaya. The US experts joined Thai and international experts in presenting to 80 researchers, entrepreneurs, government and corporate participants.	To raise the awareness concerning Bioentrepreneurship in Thailand	KIAAsia, BIOTEC (Thai), IIPi (U.S.)	The activities were completed.
Workshop on IPR Enforcement/ <i>Legislative and Judicial Reform</i>	BSOP provided partial support for Mr. George M. Kelakos, Co-Chair of the International Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute, to participate in and share U.S. experiences related to Alternative Dispute Resolution and mediation in intellectual property enforcement cases at a workshop on IPR enforcement to be held in Bangkok from May 18 – 21. The workshop is organized by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.	To promote best practices of ADR in IP enforcement cases	KIAAsia, ABI, USPTO (U.S.)	Mr. George M. Kelakos traveled to Bangkok in mid-May to participate in the workshop on IPR Enforcement, organized by the USPTO.
The 7 th Annual Symposium on Current Issues in IP Law in Asia / <i>Legislative and Judicial Reforms</i>	BSOP provided partial support for the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court to organize the 7 th Annual Symposium on Current Issues in IP Law in Asia. The symposium was held in Bangkok from November 30 – December 1.	To expose Thai public to current International Property Law in Asian and European perspective.	IP&IT court (Thai), The Max-Planck Institute (Germany), Waseda University (Japan), JETRO (Japan)	The Workshop was completed.

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AERA Regional Regulatory Dialogue Program Quarterly Activities Report (April - June 2005)

AERA Regional Regulatory Dialogue Program – Projects Approved for Funding				
Project Name / Objective	Description	Objectives/ outcomes	Partners	Status
Dialogue projects in Thailand				
Strengthening Administrative Court Capacity: Judge Forum on Administrative Contracts	The experts from the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and other U.S. organizations provided technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Thai Administrative Courts in hearing administrative contract disputes	To develop court policy guidelines on Administrative Contracts	OAC (Thai), U.S. CFC	The project was already completed in March 2003.
Strengthening Administrative Court Capacity: Case Management and Court Administration	PADCO and KIASIA facilitated a partnership between the Thai Administrative Courts and the U.S. Federal Judicial Center to strengthen the capacity of the Thai Administrative Courts in managing cases by raising awareness of senior judges on U.S. best practices and developing an action plan for implementing a recent assessment of the Court's case management capabilities by AusAID.	To develop guidelines on a Court policy for case management and court administration	OAC (Thai), U.S. CFC, FJC (U.S.)	The Office of the Administrative Courts organized a Thai – U.S. Forum on Case Management and Case Tracking System on July 21, 2004. Two U.S. experts joined the forum to share the U.S. experiences with Thai judges. The project was successfully completed in July 2004.
Developing a Thai Class Action Law	The American Bar Association (ABA) provided expert assistance to work with the Council of State (CoS), the Class Action Research Team, and the Class Action Subcommittee in developing the new Thai Class Action Law.	To develop the Thai Class Action Law	CoS (Thai), ABA (U.S.)	The project was successfully completed.

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Dialogue projects in Thailand				
Developing a Thai Open Meetings Law	The Office of the Maryland Attorney General, PADCO and the Kenan Institutes will work with the, Council of State, the Open Meetings Law Subcommittee, and the research team to facilitate access to international and U.S. best practices in developing the new open meetings law by establishing direct linkages between Thai and U.S. practitioners and legal experts.	To develop the Thai Open Meetings Law	CoS (Thai), Office of Maryland Attorney General (U.S.)	The project has been canceled. The funding has been reallocated.
Thai-US Program on Legislative Drafting Reform: Sharing Best International Best Practices on Legislative Drafting	Since the development for the “Developing a Thai Open Meeting Law” program was cancelled, the reallocation of the budget was approved to support the Office of the Council of State to implement the “Thai-US Program on Legislative Drafting Reform: Sharing Best International Best Practices on Legislative Drafting” program.	To develop the Thai Legislative Drafting Reform	CoS (Thai), Office of the Legislative Counsel from the US House of Representative (US), the State of Maryland (US), the National Conference of State Legislature	The Office of the Council of State organized the Legislative Drafting Reform Program held from November 8-11. The program included a workshop and a discussion series on legislative drafting process and challenges. Additional activities include Observation Program to the United States: Sharing Experience on Law-Making in Washington, DC and Maryland from June 13 to July 1, 2005

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Dialogue projects in Vietnam				
Supporting Development of an IP Court in Vietnam	In partnership with the USAID's Support for Trade Acceleration (STAR) project, PADCO facilitated dialogue between Vietnamese and Thai judges and other counterpart agencies and organization to support the development of a specialized court or bench within the Vietnam Supreme People's Court to enable implementation of the U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). This program included a series of integrated activities planned and implemented in cooperation with the STAR program.	To develop an Intellectual Property Court in Vietnam	Vietnam Supreme People's Court; Thai Central Intellectual Property and International Trade (CIPIT) Court	Two Thai judges from the Central Intellectual Property Court traveled to Hanoi, Vietnam to participate in and share legal experiences related to intellectual property at two seminars on IPR disputes held between June 23 - 27. The seminars, organized by the Supreme People's Court of Vietnam, aimed aim to address the aspects of Vietnam's intellectual property obligations under the Vietnam-U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreement and TRIPS. The activity was completed.
Regional Dialogue on Public Participation in Government Decision Making	PADCO, KIA Asia and The Asia Foundation facilitated linkages between Vietnam and Thailand on public participation related to their on-going efforts to develop new legal frameworks, and in addition launched a regional forum on public participation. Activities will include: (1) focused exchange between Vietnam and Thailand, and (2) a linked regional seminar in Bangkok. Participants will include legislators, agency officials and civil society leaders from Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.	To promote public participation in Vietnam	Vietnam Office of the National Assembly; Thai Council of State, the Asia Foundation	The project was completed in July 2003.

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Dialogue projects in Vietnam				
Strengthening Vietnam Administrative and Judicial Review Process: Sharing Experience with Thai Administrative Agencies and Courts	The AERA Regional Regulatory Dialogue Program provided support for the Vietnamese delegation to visit Thai counterpart agencies and courts to exchange information and experience on administrative agency and court review, and dispute resolution. The visitation exposed the Vietnamese delegation to Thailand's practices in administrative and judicial review process. This activity is joint program between the Vietnam STAR program and AERA's Regulatory Dialogue program to strengthen Vietnam's administrative and judicial review process.	To strengthen Vietnam's administrative and judicial review process	Communist Party of Vietnam, STAR-Vietnam, Thailand's Administrative Courts, Council of State, Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, Revenue Dept., and Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court	Eleven senior officials from Vietnamese courts and government agencies visited Thai counterparts, including courts and government agencies between January 12 – 16, 2004 to learn more about Thailand's practices in administrative and judicial review process. The activity was completed.

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Dialogue projects in Vietnam				
Thailand – Vietnam Training on Intellectual Property Enforcement	In partnership with the USAID's Support for Trade Acceleration (STAR) project, PADCO and KIA Asia is facilitating dialogue between Vietnamese and Thai judges and other counterpart agencies and organization to support the development of a specialized court or bench within the Vietnam Supreme People's Court to enable implementation of the U.S.-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). This program will include a three-week training program for Vietnamese judges on IPR enforcement to support movement toward establishment of a specialized IPR court. From venues in Vietnam and Thailand, this comprehensive training program will include presentations, training sessions and site visits conducted experts from Vietnam, Thailand and the U.S. In addition, to expand regional cooperation on IPR enforcement, the program will include judges from China and Laos.	To support the establishment of a specialize IP court in Vietnam by strengthening the capabilities of selected Vietnamese judges in handling IPR cases through specialized training on IPR principles, litigation procedures and institutional arrangements	Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court (CIPIT), STAR-Vietnam, Supreme People's Court of Vietnam	The two-weeks training program for 25 Vietnamese judges and officials was held in Thailand from March 7-18, 2005. In addition, two Laos Judges and one Chinese Judge joined the first week of the workshop. The project went successfully.

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AERA Education Program's Quarterly Activities Report (April to June 2005)

1. Projects Completed

Project Name	Partners	Project Description	Grant Amount (US\$)	Timeline	Current Status
East-West Community College Project - Leadership and Teacher Training	Office of the Community College Promotion, Ministry of Education and East-West Community College Consortium	To assist Thailand's Ministry of Education in its effort to establish community colleges in Thailand. Two training programs were delivered to the college administrators including training on leadership skills in Bangkok and training on community college administration, teaching, and faculty development in Hawaii.	69,723	February 1 - December 31, 2002	The project was completed.
English through Entertainment	Supervisor Unit, Department of General Education	To assist in the reproduction and distribution of a lesson plan and instructional media for the "English through Entertainment" course. English Center, Supervisory Unit and specialized teachers worked together to design the curriculum, develop the lesson plan, produce the instructional media and evaluate the program. A teacher's manual, videotapes and cassette tapes are additional instruments that support the teachers.	34,633	April 15, 2001 - 31 December 2003	The project was completed. The training packages were distributed to 3,000 high schools nationwide.
Chula Conference on Innovative Ideas for English Language Teaching	Chulalongkorn University Language Institute	CULI is organizing the 5th International Conference from December 15-17, 2003. The focus is on innovative ideas for ELT including the applications of innovative technologies, which can be applied to classroom instruction or self access learning centers.	5,500	May 1, 2003 - January 31, 2004	The project was completed.

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Participatory Learning Leading to Integrated Community Development	Faculty of Social Science, Chiang Mai University (Thai Woman of Tomorrow Project) and the Office of the National Primary Education Commission (ONPEC)	To use a new learning approach to involve community members in understanding more about the value of education and the action competency that students were able to develop. The activities mainly focus on staff development of all related participants such as school staff and key members of the community.	26,519	January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003	The teacher workshop was completed. Each school presented its localized curriculum and results from the first academic semester.
English Language Center for Mae Fah Luang University	Mae Fah Luang University and Oregon State University	To assist Mae Fah Luang University in its effort to establish an English language center. TESOL specialists from Oregon State University provided consultation and workshops on curriculum development and set-up of a resource center for the Liberal Arts Faculty's English teachers for phase I. MFLU English teachers to be trained in language teaching skill at OSU for phase II.	68,656	December 1, 2002 - June 30, 2004	The project was completed.
Thai Youth Development by ICT Project - Web-Aided Instruction Train-the-Trainers Component	Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (MICT), Min. of Education (MoE), National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC), TOT Corporations Co., Ltd., Communications Authority of Thailand (CAT) and Oracle Corporation Thailand, Ltd.	To expand a learning opportunity for Thai youth by building capacity and increasing capability of ICT skills for them, helping to transform Thailand into a knowledge-based society. This is to train about 4,000 leading teachers in 2003 and 1,000 leading teachers in 2004 on web-based instruction/training skills. The 3-day training course will equip teachers with ICT knowledge in think.com software, computer graphics, and Internet-browser programs.	35,813	April 1, 2003 - December 31, 2004	4,000 leading teachers were trained on web based instruction/training skills.

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Animation and Multimedia Workshop (Phase I)	Rajabhat Chiang Rai University	To enhance computer skills of students in grades 4-9 in Chiang Rai for the making of animation and multimedia. The 16-hour training program to be organized by Rajabhat Institute Chiang Rai will train 120 students in 4 sessions. The objectives of this program are for the students to gain an understanding of drawing basic cartoons and computer graphics; to use MOHO software for animation; and to acquire skills in art and creative thinking. The plan is for 5 students from this training to participate in the Thailand Animation and Multimedia Fair (TAM) in 2005.	7,745	May 1 – September 30, 2004	The workshop was conducted successfully, and the project is complete.
Information and Communications Technology Training for Educational Purposes in Rural Higher Education Institute	Rajabhat Surin University (RSU)	To enhance the e-Learning competency of Rajabhat Surin University (RSU), a rural higher education institute in Northeastern Thailand. The main purpose of the project is to train 20 educational staff from RSU who will become trainers for other RSU staff and teachers from 17 schools' labs in Surin province on ICT for education development skills. After the completion of this course, trainees will be able to finish and upload websites. They will integrate this new tool/teaching method in their regular classes. Approximately 1,000 students will gain knowledge from 20 web sites that will created by the 20 trainees in this program.	10,000	Feb 01, 2004- Aug 31, 2004	The training was delivered. An evaluation is being conducted.
ICT Workshop for School Teachers in the North	Rajabhat Institute Chiang Rai	To upgrade the ICT capabilities of 200 teachers in Chiang Rai. RICR has its own courseware management (http://E-learning.ricr.ac.th) and believes that this tool will be useful in bridging the digital divide for schools in the Northern Thailand. This 18-hour training course will equip trainees with knowledge of RICR Courseware Management, e-learning web-site design, and web-site developing software.	8,275	May 1 – September 30, 2004	The project was completed.

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2. On-going Projects

Project Name	Partners	Project Description	Grant Amount (US\$)	Timeline	Current Status
Self-Access English Language Centers for Thai Community Colleges	Office of Community College Promotion, Ministry of Education, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, and Oregon State University	To improve English teaching capabilities of the 10 Thai community colleges by assisting them in setting up a self-access English language center at each college. The self-access centers will be equipped with learning materials, including books and multimedia resources that are suitable for learners with varying levels of English language skill. The centers will become an important tool for language learning not only for students but also teachers and the workforce in the community. The centers can also be integrated into existing English language programs where participants can improve their English at their own time, pace, and interest with supervision from a learning facilitator.	50,000 (plus \$15,00 from the US Embassy)	June 25, 2003 – August 31, 2005	A handbook on how to set up and run SACs has been published. All the ten colleges have already received a copy of the handbook. The two KMUTT experts will conduct a follow-up visit to three selected SACs in the fourth quarter of FY2005.
Entrepreneurship Training for Thai Community Colleges	KIAsia's Business Advisory Center, Bureau of Community College Administration, North Carolina Community College System	To bring in and localize a successful entrepreneurship curriculum from the US. With assistance from the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), six Thai trainers will be trained to become Master Facilitators for "REAL Entrepreneurship" curriculum in order for them to adapt and train trainers and students from the ten Thai community colleges. The REAL Entrepreneurship curriculum is expected to be adopted as an on-going training program at Thai community colleges and other Thai educational institutions.	87,702	May 1, 2004 – July 31, 2005	Three Master Facilitators from the US conducted a follow-up Institute for the Thai Master Facilitators in Thailand in May 2005. Thai community college trainers will roll out a supervised training session at their respective institution.

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Project Name	Partners	Project Description	Grant Amount (US\$)	Timeline	Current Status
KIAsia -GMS English Academic Fellowship Program	KIAsia, Mae Fah Luang University, educational institutions from the GMS countries	To strengthen Mae Fah Luang University's position as a leading higher educational institution in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) that uses English as a major medium of teaching instruction. The KIAsia – GMS English Academic Fellowship Program will not only be a channel to promote MFLU in the region to be better known among professors and scholars, but will also upgrade MFLU's own academic human resources. Two main activities under this project are the provision of twelve fellowships to professors and graduate students from the GMS countries and the organization of a GMS TESOL forum at MFLU.	74,000	April 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005	Ms. Kexiu YIN, the first graduate student fellow, has completed her fellowship with Mae Fah Luang. The application deadline for the second batch of the fellows is on March 31, 2005.
Improving the Quality of Education Through IT Project, under the World Bank-funded Secondary Education Quality Improvement (SEQI) project	Rajabhat Institute Chiang Mai, Oregon State University, Meanprasatwittaya School	The activities proposed are intended to supplement the World Bank-funded Secondary Education Quality Improvement (SEQI) Project (Northern Region) awarded to KIAsia and to achieve the aims of the AERA - Education program in promoting ICT in education. The key activities to be undertaken include organizing a training workshop on Computer Assisted English Language Learning (CAELL) and using IT for teaching. It will include a workshop on Enhancing Leadership and Management of Technology. The project will also promote a New Model of Supervision-Supportive Mentoring (kalayanamit): Strengthen Education Service Area supervisors through experiential learning in implementing learning reform and application of computer technology as a tool for teaching and learning and will develop local software/courseware/CAI CD-ROM & materials.	69,420	May 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005	A training workshop on Computer Assisted English Language Learning (CAELL) and using information technology for teaching is being planned.

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American Volunteers for Thai Community Colleges Projects (AVTCC)	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and Bureau of Community College Administration	The project will bring in 12 qualified English native speakers from the US to work as volunteers at the newly-established self-access English language centers (SACs) of the ten Thai community colleges. These American volunteers, spending at least three months in Thailand, will provide opportunities for community college students to have more interactions with English native speakers, encourage cultural exchange, and promote more use of the English language.	34,050	October 2004 – September 2005	The first batch of five American volunteers has arrived and they are currently working at the community college hosts.

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Border Action Against Malaria Program Quarterly Activities Report (April to June 2005)

BAAM Projects Approved for Funding				
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The Study of Antimalarial Drug Use Practice in Thailand / <i>Surveillance of MDR Malaria</i>	<p>This activity consists of phase I, problem identification. Initial data collection will take place on the eastern border of Thailand with Cambodia. Since a study took place in Cambodia in October 2002, there may be a comparison of information across the border with Cambodian colleagues to identify potential areas of collaboration and joint approaches. It is anticipated that once the approach is developed for eastern Thailand, it will be adapted to the specific local conditions in other border regions, such as on the Thai-Burmese border, and that those areas will also be surveyed.</p> <p>The overall objective of this activity is to enhance the capacity of national and local counterparts to systematically identify and monitor community-level drug management practices and use and disseminate this information to develop policy and programmatic interventions.</p>	<p>Specific Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a Thailand-specific assessment and monitoring tool, which can be applied in border areas in Thailand 2. Develop the capacity to adapt the tool to local circumstances and apply it in selected areas 3. Analyze the findings to identify key drug use problems that may require additional exploration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Vector Borne Disease (Sub-Grantee) • Chanthaburi Provincial Public Health Office • Office of Disease Control Chonburi • Management sciences for Health <p>Chanthaburi Province Vector-borne Disease Control Center, Vector-borne Disease Control Units in Pong Nam Ron and Soi Dao Districts</p>	<p>Data collection is completed and analysis is underway.</p> <p>A proposal has been prepared and submitted for approval to expand coverage to the Thai-Burma border at sentinel surveillance sites in Mae Hong Son and Tak Provinces.</p>

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Strengthening of Sentinel Surveillance System for Anti-malarial Drug Resistance in Thailand / <i>Surveillance of MDR Malaria</i>	<p>With the Malaria Group of the Bureau of Vector-Borne Diseases (MOPH) as focal point, the ADR surveillance network comprises malaria clinics under responsibility of regional Vector Borne Disease Control Offices 1-5, provincial and district community hospitals, and academic field research stations. Nine border provinces with high malaria incidence are selected as sentinel sites, <i>i.e.</i>, Chiang Mai, Mae Hong Son, Tak, Kanchanaburi, Ranong, Ratchaburi, Ubon Ratchathani, Chanthaburi, and Trat. Main activities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training on <i>in vivo</i> therapeutic efficacy assessment and <i>in vitro</i> sensitivity study; 2. <i>In vivo</i> therapeutic efficacy assessment of the first line treatment regimens; 3. <i>In vitro</i> sensitivity study of the currently used anti-malarial drugs; 4. Establishment of an information center for ADR network at the Malaria Division. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish a network of sentinel surveillance sites for monitoring anti-malarial drug resistance in Thailand 2. To study the current situation of anti-malarial drugs in Thailand both <i>in vivo</i> and <i>in vitro</i> and including using HRP2 drug sensitivity assay 3. To strengthen the cooperation among sentinel sites in country and among neighboring countries towards sharing anti-malarial drug resistance information 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Malaria Group, Bureau of Vector-Borne Diseases 2. Provincial and district hospitals 3. Mahidol University 4. Siriraja Hospital 5. Thammasat University 6. The Royal Thai Armed Forces Research Institute for Medical Science 7. WHO 	<p>Initial and refresher training completed; sentinel surveillance by <i>in vivo</i> therapeutic efficacy study, <i>in vitro</i> sensitivity study, and HRP2 assay of the currently used anti-malarial drugs is on-going in 9 sentinel sites.</p> <p>Results of monitoring drug resistance in were analyzed at national technical workshops in 2002, 2003, 2004. Revised standard treatment regimen has been finalized. The national malaria drug policy committee has revised manuals on treatment guidelines for physicians and health workers; mefloquine-artesunate combination therapy will be used nation-wide starting in October 2004</p>

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Community-Based Malaria Control Along the Thai-Cambodia Border Through Civic Partnerships in Chanthaburi and Trat Provinces / <i>Health System Reform – Decentralized Response Strategies and Effective Partnership Models</i>	The main concept of the project is to strengthen community involvement in malaria control and toward self-reliance in the long run through the process of standardized method of working for prevention, cure, and control, by community-based work to improve the potential of community and local agencies to address the malaria problem by themselves with support from related health personnel and other multi-disciplinary teams.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To initiate malaria epidemiology information center in the community. 2) To improve prevention in high-risk groups. 3) To promote community participation in solving problem of prevention in high-risk groups, and promote use of dipstick test for early diagnosis. 4) To promote community participation to address malaria with support by government organizations 5) To build capacity of health personnel and volunteers, including health personnel from Cambodia border areas if requested to create a network for disease control by communities themselves in the long run. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOPH, VBDC, VDDUs • Chanthaburi and Trat Provincial Public Health Offices • District Health Offices and Health Centers • Schools • High-risk groups • Village health volunteers • Government agencies • Community leaders 	<p>Orientation workshops, community civil-society forums on malaria problem, analysis, and action planning conducted in Chanthaburi and Trat Provinces.</p> <p>Training on use of GIS for malaria control conducted in Chanthaburi Province.</p> <p>Workshop conducted on community epidemiology for multi-sectoral local malaria control core participants in Trat Province, and training held on improved diagnosis and treatment of malaria in Trat Province.</p> <p>Community malaria core teams established and trained; stakeholder awareness and planning sessions conducted for community-based control projects; community malaria information centers established.</p>

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Developing and producing dipstick dye immunoassays utilizing dye particle-linked monoclonal antibodies developed against pLDH and pGAPDH for malaria antigen detection / <i>Increased Access to Rapid Parasitological Diagnosis and Effective Treatment</i>	<p>Preparing and purifying pLDH and pGAPDH for raising monoclonal antibodies, followed by research and development to determine the feasibility of local production of dipstick dye immunoassays utilizing dye particle-linked monoclonal antibodies developed against pLDH and pGAPDH for malaria antigen detection of both <i>P. falciparum</i> and non-<i>P. falciparum</i>.</p> <p><i>General objective: To locally produce a rapid, simplified, reliable and maximized sensitivity dipstick dye immunoassay utilizing dye particle-linked monoclonal antibody against pLDH and pGAPDH for detecting malaria antigens of falciparum and non-falciparum malaria in human blood by using Thailand's national resources.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To raise/characterize MABs against pLDH and pGAPDH, maximize test sensitivity, genetic diversity to the <i>P. f.</i> parasite population, and not react to non-malaria antigen. 2. To develop a rapid, simplified, sensitive, and specific dipstick assay to detect asexual erythrocytic stage of <i>P.f.</i> and non-<i>P.f.</i> 3. To increase sensitivity, aiming at 100% for densities of >100 parasites per µl blood in four species. 4. To improve readability of tests (better signal intensity & avoidance of mix-ups). 5. To evaluate relative sensitivity/specificity of the antigen detection dipstick method for <i>P. f.</i> malaria field diagnosis compared to microscopy. 6. To set up a quality control system for sensitivity and specificity. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Bureau of Vector-Borne Diseases, Department of Disease Control, MOPH 2. National Institute of Health, Department of Medical Sciences, MOPH 	Cloning and expression of pLDH in <i>E. coli</i> by genetic engineering obtained expressed fusion protein. By affinity purification, the protein obtained had high purity and good yield, and these proteins show the pLDH enzyme activity; Pre-immunized sera of rabbits were determined for the reactivity with pLDH and GST proteins by western blot analysis. Reactivity of the immunize sera was characterized by western blot analysis, followed by standardization of ELISA assay, determination of appropriate blocking solution in ELISA assay, and titration of polysera. 4 LDH and 4 GAPDH clones with an acceptable level of response have been produced for use by NIH on the prototype dipstick.

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Partnerships for a School-based Approach to Community Action Against Malaria / <i>Effective Partnership Models</i>	<p>The project builds partnerships to develop a model for a school-based approach to community action against malaria as a strategy for developing knowledge, attitudes, skills and behavior necessary for community-based self-reliant action against malaria in highly endemic border. The model comprises the following key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A process for participatory learning and action against malaria by the school and community; • Use of case study approach on a whole school basis to study the local malaria situation and identify alternative solutions; • Use of life skills education methods to enhance the case study approach and develop/change behavior to prevent and reduce malaria; • Development of learning materials to support discovery learning; • Mobilization of communities for self-reliant action against malaria; • Provision of technical support to schools and communities; • Leveraging resources from local sub-district councils to support community malaria prevention and control plans and projects <p>Phase II (replication trials) began in October 2002 with expansion to include 40 schools in Tak, Mae Hong Son, Chiang Mai, Chanthaburi, and Trat Provinces.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To strengthen capacity of schools and teachers to facilitate participatory learning and action by students and communities to prevent and control malaria. 2. To raise awareness and mobilize community action to prevent and control malaria. 3. To set up an example of a working model with multi-sectoral organizations collaborating as equal stakeholders. 4. To build on lessons learned and best practices for expansion of coverage to other endemic border areas facing increasingly multi-drug resistant malaria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Education - Office of National Primary Education Commission: Office of Special Projects, Office of Supervision and Standards, Offices Provincial Primary Education Commissions in Tak, Mae Hong Son, Chiang Mai, Chanthaburi, Trat • Health Behavior Development Group, Malaria Division • Regional Disease Control Offices, Vector Borne Disease Control Centers and Units • The Life Skills Development Foundation • Rajabhat Institute Chiang Mai • Border Patrol Police Bureau 	<p>Phase I (model-building): 200 teachers, principals, education supervisors from 25 schools in 4 districts received 25 days of training in 5 workshops. Students completed community malaria situation assessments, analyzed alternatives, and shared with community leaders in consultation workshops to reach consensus on action plans and projects. Community-generated malaria control projects received funding support. A participatory process evaluation was conducted in August 2002.</p> <p>109 grade 4-9 teachers/ supervisors from 15 expansion schools received 15 days training, conducted surveys of community health problems and malaria KAP, analyzed community malaria situation and alternatives for action. Phase III: 230 grade 4-9 teachers from 46 expansion schools received 7 days training on revised curriculum on mosquito-borne diseases.</p>

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Thailand Roll Back Malaria Strategic Planning Workshop / <i>Effective Partnership Models</i>	<p>BAAM Project Coordinating Unit organized a multi-agency gathering of key stakeholders in malaria control. Working group sessions were held to obtain input on key strategies for renewed joint efforts to control malaria with special focus on border areas and multi-drug resistant malaria. Deliberations focused on the following thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis, treatment, case management • Community/household prevention • Epidemiology, surveillance, mapping, GIS • Decentralization, health system reform, responsibilities, and processes for community participation • Staff capacity building and training methodologies • Participatory learning processes, and prototypes for action in target communities • International organizations/agencies and their contribution to Thailand Roll Back Malaria <p>The thematic working groups presented results of their discussions in the form of recommended strategies, activities, support needed, and potential partner agencies for comments and plenary discussion.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To seek approaches and mechanisms for mutual cooperation for more successful malaria control. 2. To provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to present experience and share ideas to move toward formulation of key joint strategies for collaboration in systematically advancing as appropriate and necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOPH • Mahidol University • Thai and US AFRIMS • Royal Project Bureau • Royal Thai Army • Border Patrol Police Bureau • Hilltribe Welfare Division, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare • Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board • Office of the National Primary Education Commission • The Life Skills Dev. Foundation • IMPECT • IRC • ACTMalaria • MSF • PATH Canada • UNICEF • WHO • USAID 	<p>Workshop completed in July 2000. Participants from the wide range of organizations involved in anti-malaria efforts in Thailand were able to achieve a considerable degree of consensus on four principal strategies for rolling back malaria in Thailand.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surveillance and response: epidemic preparedness, prevention and control 2. Early diagnosis, prompt and effective treatment 3. Household and community prevention 4. Health system reform and decentralization to support local self-reliance in malaria control 5. Collaboration and coordination with equal partnerships among local implementing agencies <p>Program strategies, operational strategies, and potential partner agencies were compiled into a national strategic framework for Roll Back Malaria in Thailand.</p>

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Participatory action research planning workshop in Chanthaburi Province / <i>Effective Partnership Models</i>	Following on focus group discussions conducted with more than 200 malaria high-risk villagers in Chanthaburi Province, MOPH Vector Borne Disease Control Office No. 5 organized a planning workshop with local government officials, informal employers and high-risk forest-related occupation groups from Pong Nam Ron and Soi Dao Districts. Working groups provided input into formulation of proposals for subgrants to support development of appropriate interventions for a community-based approach to malaria control in Thai-Cambodian border areas.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review results of focus group discussions with malaria high-risk groups. 2. To generate input on interventions emphasizing self-reliance. 3. To identify collaborating partners and their potential roles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOPH VBDO No. 5, VBDC, VDDUs • Chanthaburi Provincial Public Health Office • District Health Offices and Health Centers • Border Patrol Police • Royal Thai Marines • Principals and teachers • Informal employers • High-risk groups • Village health vols. 	Workshop completed in August 2001. Input used to formulate action research proposal planned for funding in FY 2002. Implementation underway on community-level epidemiology system using GIS and community awareness raising interventions.
Participatory action research planning workshops in Trat Province / <i>Effective Partnership Models</i>	MOPH Vector Borne Disease Control Office No. 5 organized two planning workshops in Trat Province, with local government officials, informal employers, sub district council members, and high-risk forest-related occupation groups from Bo Rai, Muang, and Klong Yai Districts. Working groups provided input into formulation of proposals for subgrants to support development of appropriate interventions for a community-based approach to malaria control in Thai-Cambodian border areas. These workshops were followed by consultations with key officials of Vector Borne Disease Control Office No. 5 on formulating a proposal for subgrant support from BAAM.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. To review results of focus group discussions with malaria high-risk groups. 5. To generate input on interventions emphasizing self-reliance. 6. To identify collaborating partners and their potential roles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOPH VBDO No. 5, VBDC, VDDUs • Chanthaburi Provincial Public Health Office • District Health Offices and Health Centers • Border Patrol Police • Royal Thai Army and Marines • School Principals and teachers • Informal employers • High-risk groups • Village health vols. 	Workshops completed in November 2001. Input used to formulate action research proposal planned for funding in FY 2002. Implementation underway on community-level epidemiology system and community awareness raising interventions.

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USAID Roll Back Malaria Partners' Meeting: Informal Consultation on Monitoring Anti-malarial Drug Quality and Use Practices / <i>Surveillance of MDR Malaria</i>	BAAM Project Coordinating Unit organized a series of meetings from September 12-14, 2001 for consultations on monitoring drug quality and use practices among representatives of USAID Roll Back Malaria partners in Thailand, Cambodia, the U.S.A, and WHO.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify important issues related to drug quality control and drug use practices in border areas; 2. To identify priority actions needed to initiate study and monitoring of drug quality and use practices as components of sentinel surveillance; 3. To identify potential implementing actors in study and monitoring of drug quality and use practices; 4. To identify opportunities for technical cooperation, and support needed to implement study and monitoring of drug quality and use practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID • WHO • Royal Thai Government Ministry of Public Health • Cambodian Ministry of Health • US Pharmacopeia • Management Sciences for Health • ACTMalaria • KIAAsia - BAAM PCU 	The consultation meetings are completed. The consultations resulted in identification of important issues and priority actions needed to initiate/implement study and monitoring of drug quality and drug use practices as integral components of sentinel surveillance of anti-malarial drug resistance with a focus on Thailand and Cambodia.
Training of village health/malaria volunteers and sub-district council members / <i>Health System Reform –Decentralized Response Strategies and Effective Partnership Models</i>	BAAM Project Coordinating Unit collaborated with VBDO Nos. 1 and 2 to organize 2 training workshops for village health/malaria volunteers and sub-district council members on in-depth community malaria situation analysis; prevention, control and treatment of malaria; and coordinating planning for community action against malaria.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To improve knowledge, attitudes and behavior related to malaria. 2. To understand analysis of risk and community malaria epidemiological situation. 3. To prepare for collaboration with schools in analyzing alternative actions and formulating community malaria action plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VBDO No. 1 and 2, VBDCs and VBDOs • Village health/malaria volunteers • Sub-district council members • Provincial Primary Education Offices • The Life Skills Development Foundation • BAAM PCU 	Training workshops were completed in February 2002. Volunteers and sub-district council members from communities served by 25 schools in 4 districts have increased knowledge about malaria, situation/risk analysis, and are prepared to collaborate in school-community malaria action planning workshops in July 2002.

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Write shop to summarize one year implementation of the Partnerships for a School-based Approach to Community Action Against Malaria Project / <i>Effective Partnership Models</i>	BAAM Project Coordinating Unit collaborated with the Special Projects Office of the Office of the National Primary Education Commission to organize a write shop to summarize implementation at the whole-school level and at each grade level from kindergarten to grade 9 under the Partnerships for a School-based Approach to Community Action Against Malaria Project.	1. To summarize results of first year implementation including learning processes, curriculum linkages, and teaching plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Projects Office of the Office of the National Primary Education Commission • Provincial and District Offices of Primary Education • The Life Skills Development Foundation • BAAM PCU 	Write shops completed in April 2002, 2003, 2004. Representatives of 40 schools in 4 provinces summarized implementation, learning processes, content, life skills, problems & solutions, results, & benefits.
Transfer of technology training on preparing and purifying pLDH and pGAPDH for raising monoclonal antibodies / <i>Increased Access to Rapid Parasitological Diagnosis and Effective Treatment</i>	Dr. Pongwit Bualombai of the Malaria Division was sent to the University of Manchester to participate in a short training course on preparing and purifying pLDH and pGAPDH for raising monoclonal antibodies. If this is successful, it will be followed by research and development to determine the feasibility of local production of dipstick dye immunoassays utilizing dye particle-linked monoclonal antibodies developed against pLDH and pGAPDH for malaria antigen detection of both <i>P. falciparum</i> and non- <i>P. falciparum</i> .	1. Transfer of technology on preparing and purifying pLDH and pGAPDH for raising monoclonal antibodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaria Division, Department of Communicable Disease Control, MOPH • National Institute of Health, Department of Medical Sciences, MOPH 	Dr. Pongwit Bualombai is undergoing training at the Department of Molecular Biology, University of Manchester, and will return in July.

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